

Ibstone,
Near High Wycombe,
Bucks.

Dear Dame Cicily,

We understand from Jill Mortimer that you would prefer your fee as a judge of the Booker Prize to be paid to the Society of Authors rather than to yourself. I have consulted Miss Elizabeth Barber on the subject and I regret to say that the terms of the trust deed of the Booker Prize would not permit us to pay anything to the Society of Authors direct or to the foundation fund. The trouble is that we are only allowed to make donations to other registered charities. If, however, you wished us to make a donation either to the pension fund, or the contingency fund of the Society of Authors, then this would be possible.

The only other alternative to this, I am afraid, would be for us to pay the cheque direct to you.

Would you be kind enough to let me know which course you would like us to follow. I am copying this letter to Jill Mortimer so that she knows what is happening.

Yours sincerely,

(J.N. Murphy)

c.c. Miss Jill Mortimer